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SUBJECT: US-CANADA MEETING ON POPLAR RIVER

1. ON JULY 12, REPRESENTATIVES OF INTERESTED FEDERAL AGENCIES, THE STATE OF MONTANA, AND THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT MET TO DETERMINE WHETHER AN EXAMINATION OF THE WATER QUALITY IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED POWER GENERATING FACILITY ON THE POPLAR RIVER SHOULD BE CONDUCTED BY THE IJC OR BY AN AD HOC BILATERAL COMMITTEE. FOLLOWING THESE DISCUSSIONS, THE CANADIANS AGREED THAT THE IJC WAS THE PREFERRED MECHANISM FOR THIS EXAMINATION. THE GOC AGREED TO GIVE FURTHER CONSIDERATION TO THE US PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE (STATE 100294) AND TO INFORM US OF THEIR VIEWS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE US SIDE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF RECEIVING A PROMPT RESPONSE. NO PROMISES WERE MADE, BUT THE CANADIANS AGREED TO AIM FOR EARLY SEPTEMBER.

2. TO THE SIDE OF THE NEGOTIATING SESSION, IT WAS AGREED TO ESTABLISH AN INFORMATION EXCHANGE LINK FOR THE TRANSMISSION OF DATA AND STUDIES DONE BY THE US AND CANADIAN SIDES RELATING TO THE POPLAR RIVER. THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR
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GENERAL OF ENVIRONMENT CANADA, FRED DURANT, WILL SERVE FOR

CANADA, WHILE KARL JONIEZ OF EUR/CAN WILL BE THE US POINT OF CONTACT. (DIRECT CONTACT, WITH COPIES OF ANY

CORRESPONDENCE TO BRADY, EXTAFF WAS AUTHORIZED.)

3. A JOINT PRESS RELEASE WAS ISSUED AT 1600 EDT JUNE 13. THE TEXT OF THE RELEASE IS QUOTED BELOW.

4. BEGIN TEXT: REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA AND OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE STATE OF MONTANA AND THE PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN MET IN WASHINGTON ON JULY 12, 1976 TO DISCUSS TRANSFRONTIER WATER QUALITY IMPACTS OF THE SASKATCHEWAN POWER CORPORATION'S POPLAR RIVER THERMAL GENERATION PROJECT. IN AN EARLIER MEETING HELD IN REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN ON MARCH 5, GOVERNMENTS HAD AGREED TO THE NEED FOR A FORMAL MECHANISM TO ADDRESS WATER QUALITY ISSUES, AND TODAY'S MEETING CENTERED ON A PROPOSAL TO REFER WATER QUALITY QUESTIONS TO THE INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION.

A FULL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS TOOK PLACE, AND AD REFERENDUM AGREEMENT WAS REACHED THAT THE GOVERNMENTS WOULD NEGOTIATE TERMS OF A JOINT WATER QUALITY REFERENCE TO THE INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION. THE COMMISSION, ESTABLISHED BY THE BOUNDARY WATERS TREATY OF 1909, HAS ASSISTED GOVERNMENTS IN STUDYING MUTUAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS ALONG THE COMMON BOUNDARY. BOTH SIDES AGREED TO PROCEED AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE WITH CONSIDERATION OF EXACT TERMS OF REFERENCE.

THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION WAS COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AND THE STATE OF MONTANA. THE CANADIAN DELEGATION WAS COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, THE CANADIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, ENVIRONMENT CANADA, AND THE PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN. END TEXT. KISSINGER

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